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SUBJECT: KUWAIT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH AIR COVER

REF: AMMAN 1781; AMMAN 1972; KUWAIT 1081

1. AS OF THIS EVENING (APRIL 5) SITUATION IN KUWAIT REMAINS VERY MUCH UP IN AIR. NOT CLEAR WHETHER IRAQI DELEGATION, DUE TO-MORROW, WILL ACTUALLY COME. ON OTHER HAND LATEST REPORTS INDICATE IRAQIS MAY HAVE " WITHDRAWN" FROM KUWAITI TERRITORY. (THIS DOESN' T MEAN MUCH SINCE THEY CAN COME BACK IN AGAIN FROM FEW KILOMETERS AWAY).

2. I WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH KUWAITIS AGAIN SOONEST BUT SEEMS TO ME WE OUGHT TO AWAIT EVENTS NEXT DAY OR TWO. IN ANY CASE KUWAITIS SEEM CONFIDENT OF STRENGTH OF THEIR GROUND FORCES AND MAINLY WANT TO KNOW WHERE THEY CAN GET SOME HELP FAST IF NEEDED FROM FRIENDLY AIRFORCE.

3. I THINK WE' LL WANT TO BE VERY CAREFUL OF IRANIAN ROLE. THIS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED ONLY IF SITUATION DETERIORATES SERIOUSLY FOR KUWAITIS.

4. IF KUWAITIS ASK FOR JORDANIAN AIR SUPPORT, IT SHOULD COME IN FORM F-5 S NOT F 104 S IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THIS IS IMPORTANT
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IN TERMS OUR SALES EFFORT HERE (AND PRESUMABLY IRANIANS COULD
QUIETLY RPT QUIETLY REPLACE JORDANIAN F-5 S TEMPORARILY SINCE THEY
HAVE F-5 S OF THEIR OWN).
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